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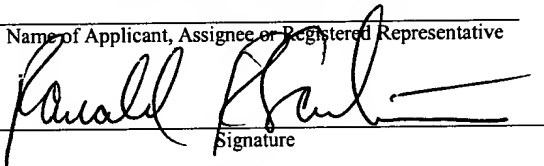
Applicant(s) : Berghof et al.
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For : **NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE SET FOR
DETECTING SALMONELLA NUCLEIC
ACIDS, KIT AND USE**
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the January 24, 2003 Office Action, having a three month period set for reply.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a one month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including May 27, 2003, as May 24 was a Saturday and May 26 was a holiday. A check for \$55.00 (small entity) in payment of the fee required under §1.17(a) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or to credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit

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